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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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McCARTHY et al.

Serial No.: 09/767,894

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"HIGH EFFICIENCY, ERROR

MINIMIZING CODING STRATEGY METHOD AND

APPARATUS"

Group Art Unit: 2133

Examiner: Abraham, Esaw T.

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO **RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION** (37 CFR § 1.181)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, BOX 1450, ALĘXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THIS 🗍

DAY OF 2006.

Debbie K. Keller

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On April 26, 2006, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") mailed a Notice of Abandonment (hereinafter "Notice"). According to the Notice, the application was abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. More specifically, the Notice indicates that the issue fee was not received.

In response, Applicants are submitting this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR § 1.181. The undersigned hereby states that the original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (hereinafter "Notice of Allowance") was not received. Furthermore,

the undersigned hereby attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records

indicates that the original Notice of Allowance was not received. The undersigned is attaching a

copy of the docket record where the non-received Notice of Allowance would have been entered

had it been received and docketed (Exhibit A).

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the USPTO to: (1) withdraw its

holding of abandonment; (2) mail the Notice of Allowance, along with any associated papers to

the undersigned at the address given below; and, (3) reset the deadline for responding to the

Notice of Allowance.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the

Commissioner to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with

filing this paper.

A representative from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the

undersigned regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**

## December 23, 2005

12:00 AM - 12:30 AM

Q01-1074-US1 - ABSOLUTE - issue fee due